



The results are in ...

Welcome, readers, to Central Michigan Life's 22nd annual Best of Central Michigan Reader's Choice Awards. More than 1,100 voters participated in this year's competition, boosting their favorite businesses, people and hang outs in Mount Pleasant.

This is an opportunity for voters to express love for each nomination and serves as a guide for future purchases, visits and memberships to organizations. We could not do this contest without your help, and we thank you for your participation.

By turning the pages, you will learn about our winners and what makes them stand out in our community. Each winner is awarded a certificate acknowledging their achievements.

Look for those certificates in the stores around the community — and support those businesses! Congratulations to all selected as the community's best.

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BEST NON-GREEK STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Feminist Leaders on Campus
 flocatcmu.wixsite.com/
 mysite/about-1

The Feminist Leaders on Campus (FLOC) creates an environment to empower individuals by promoting intersectionality, activism, education, inclusivity and service through feminism. Members may become leaders in current events, politics and activism to create change. FLOC is accepting of all, regardless of age, race, gender identity or orientation.

BEST ATTORNEY
Barberi Law Firm
 (989) 773-3423
 2305 Hawthorne Drive,
 Suite C
 Barberilawfirm.com

Opened since 1989, Barberi Law firm serves individuals and families in the Mount Pleasant community. With numerous areas of practice, including criminal defense, family law, personal injury, estate planning, workers' compensation and more, Barberi is committed to outstanding client service that extends to every case it handles.

BEST CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
Holly Hoffman

Holly Hoffman is a Human Development and Family Studies professor at CMU. She holds a bachelor's in human environmental studies, a master's in educational administration and community leadership, both from CMU, and a Ph.D. in human development and child studies from Oakland University. The popular professor currently teaches lifespan development, family and community partnerships in early childhood, and lead teaching methods in early childhood (science and social studies).

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**BEST SWEET TREAT
Doozie's Ice Cream
Place**

(989) 772-2332
1310 E. Pickard St.
Facebook.com/Doozies.
Ice.Cream.Place

Local favorite Doozie's has been serving seasonal ice cream for 38 years. From April to September, you can try 85 different types of Arctic Swirls or more than 20 flavors of hand-dipped ice cream. Doozie's also offer sundaes, milkshakes, frozen desserts, floats and malts, including lactose-free, diabetic-safe and vegan soft serve.

**BEST ASIAN
RESTAURANT
Sumo Sushi**

(989)-317-3901
Indian Hills Plaza
4194 E. Blue Grass Road
sumosushionline.com

Local favorite Sumo Sushi offers many different varieties of sushi rolls, sashimi and appetizers, as well as hibachi steak and chicken. Enjoy elegant sushi plates at private tables or the bar, or take in an entertaining culinary adventure with a seat at a cook-top hibachi table.

**BEST USED/NEW
CAR DEALER
Krapohl Ford & Lincoln**

(989) 317-2374
1415 E. Pickard St.
krapohlford.com

Krapohl Ford & Lincoln has served Mount Pleasant for over 70 years. The dealership treats its customers like a family and prides itself on making Mount Pleasant and Isabella County a better place to live. In addition to car, truck and RV sales, Krapohl offers full service by master-certified technicians, oil changes, the Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center and more.

**BEST BREAKFAST
PLACE
The Diner**

(989) 775-7210
894 S. Mission St.
thediner989.com

The Diner is readers' pick for Best Breakfast Place to start your day and get a feel of home. It features homemade omelets, sandwiches, pancakes and many other dishes in a family-like atmosphere. The Diner also offers superior customer service and Friday Fish Fry specials.

**BEST COFFEE SHOP
and
BEST PLACE FOR A
FIRST DATE**

Ponder Coffee Co.
(989)-317-0808
Multiple locations
Pondercoffee.co

Locally owned fan favorite Ponder offers coffee and espresso, non-coffee drinks, breakfast and lunch. With four unique locations on campus and throughout the city, the company fuels minds and budding romance seven days a week.

BEST SALON/SPA**Salon Blu Day Spa & Boutique**

(989) 772-8898
121 University Ave.
Salon-blu.com

When Central Michigan needs to be pampered, its top spot is Salon Blu Day Spa & Boutique. Since 2010, this destination has offered a full range of hair care, cosmetic, make-up, nail and bridal services.

BEST BAR**The Bird**

(989) 772-2493 223
223 S. Main St.
Facebook.com/BirdBarMP

The Bird is a popular watering hole in downtown Mount Pleasant. Community members and CMU students chose it as their favorite bar, as it offers a laid-back place to imbibe in a favorite drink and a fun night with friends.



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voting us*

BEST JEWELRY STORE

- Diamond Engagement Rings
- Cad Cam
- Laser Jewelry Repair
- Pandora

Ace of Diamonds

406 S. MISSION, MT. PLEASANT
(989) 779-9919
aceofdiamondsjewelry.net
aceofdia@hotmail.com



BEST GOLF COURSE
Bucks Run Golf Club
 (989) 773-6830
 1559 S. Chippewa Road
 www.bucksrun.com

Offering 18 holes, spacious patios, an on-site golf shop and full-service restaurant, Bucks Run Golf Club is a challenging, yet enjoyable experience for all those who love to golf. Located along the Chippewa River, Bucks Run is the community's pick to tee up and wind down.

BEST FOOD TRUCK
Nom Nom Ninja
 (989) 506-5340
 Mobile caterer
 nom-nom-ninja.business.site

Mobile caterer Nom Nom Ninja has put an adventurous spin on more than just traditional steakhouse hibachi. With its homemade yum yum sauce and steak served in a flour tortilla, the locally owned and operated mobile caterer was our readers' pick for best food truck.

BEST FAST FOOD RESTAURANT
 and
BEST LATE-NIGHT EATERY

Dog Central
 (989) 317-3076
 111 E. Michigan St.
 www.dogcentralmp.com

Mount Pleasant favorite Dog Central pairs hot dogs with wild and unique toppings. "The MacDaddy Dog" sports applewood smoked bacon and mac n' cheese while "The Goober Dog" pairs shredded pickle, chili, crushed Fritos and peanut butter.

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC
Soaring Eagle Casino Resort
 (888)-732-4537
 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
 soaringeaglecasino.com

The Soaring Eagle Casino Resort is, among others, Central Michigan's favorite place to hear live music. With indoor and outdoor venues, the resort attracts celebrated artists of all genres and generations, year-round. Check out its box office for lineups and updates.

BEST GYM/HEALTH CLUB
Student Activity Center
 (989) 774-3686
 Cmic.h.edu/student-life/clubs-and-recreation/university-recreation-facilities/student-activity-center

From group classes to lap swimming, when it came to the best places to get in a great workout or let off steam, CMU's Student Activities Center (SAC) reigns supreme.

BEST CHIROPRACTOR
Central Michigan Family Chiropractor Clinic
 (989) 779-2225
 1112 E. Broomfield St.
 mtplesantchiropractors.com

Dr. Troy Henrie and the staff of Central Michigan Family Chiropractic Clinic strive to create a professional-but-comfortable atmosphere for their clients. Dr. Henrie applies the most recent and effective methods of treatment, such as therapeutic massage, for his patients.

BEST TATTOO/BODY PIERCING BUSINESS
Evolved ArtForms

For our self-expressing readers, the top place for a tattoo or body piercing is Evolved ArtForms. The company prides itself on cleanliness, customer service and design. It offers affordable, walk-in services and appointments blocks from campus.

(989) 775-8288
 1222 S Mission St., Suite B
 facebook.com/EvolvedArt

BEST GROCERY STORE
Meijer

Perennial favorite Meijer once again took the crown for the community's top grocer. With its wide variety of groceries, electronics, clothing, household essentials and more, it is truly a one-stop-shop.

(989) 772-4700
 Meijer.com

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BEST HAMBURGER
Freddie's Tavern

(989) 773-2180
705 S. Adams St.
freddiestavernmi.com

Since 1981, Freddie's Tavern has been providing the community with binge-worthy food. Its 100% angus burgers have been a perennial favorite, and with customizable options that include jalapeños, olives and bacon, a garden's worth of veggies and four cheese options, it's easy to see — make that taste — why.

BEST PLACE FOR LUNCH

BEST SANDWICH
Max and Emily's
(989) 772-460

125 E. Broadway St.
MaxandEmilys.com

Max and Emily's in downtown Mount Pleasant was founded in the '90s. The deli offers a wide range of breakfast, lunch and customized offerings. It sources many of its ingredients locally and has become a central part of the community.

BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Los Aztecas
(989) 775-8594
4445 E. Blue Grass Road

Los Aztecas Mexican Restaurant brings culinary offerings ranging from Tex-Mex favorites like tacos and burritos to the classic tastes of Mexico, like El Molcajete (a super-sized mix of chicken, shrimp, sausage, beef, cactus and jalapeños served in a sizzling bowl made from volcanic rock).

BEST PIZZA PLACE
Pisanello's

(989) 773- 9906
110 N. Main St.
pisanellos.net

Pisanello's has been serving the community's perennial favorite pie for more than 50 years. Pizzas, subs, wings and more are available daily. The Super Tailgate Top Gameday Restaurant and member of the Greater Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce also has an all-you-can-eat buffet.

BEST RESTAURANT and BEST PLACE TO EAT IF YOUR PARENTS ARE BUYING

Mountain Town Station

(989) 775- 2337
506 W. Broadway St.
mountaintown.com

Mountain Town Station offers what our readers crave. The diverse menu spans salads, appetizers, pastas, seafood and a wide array of different meats along, with their grand selection of beer.

BEST HANGOVER FOOD

McDonald's
multiple locations
www.mcdonalds.com

When it comes to soaking up the remains of last night's over indulgence, American icon McDonald's is the community's pick. With affordable prices and 24-hour drive-through service, McDonald's is the place for anyone looking for a late night, or early morning, snack.

BEST STEAK PLACE
Texas Roadhouse

Famous for their hand-cut steaks, freshly-baked bread, ribs, sides and margaritas, Texas Roadhouse provides a taste of home sure to satisfy.

(989) 775- 7427
2177 S. Mission St.
texasroadhouse.com

BEST PLACE ON CAMPUS TO BE ALONE and BEST ELEVATOR ON CAMPUS

Park Library
250 E. Preston St.

BEST PLACE ON CAMPUS TO HAMMOCK

Fabiano Gardens
103 E. Preston St.

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BEST PLACE TO DANCE O'Kelly's Wayside

(989) 772-2391
2000 S. Mission St.
facebook.com/way-
sidemp

When the urge to dance takes hold, our readers set their sights on O'Kelly's/ Wayside Central. This repeat winner is one of the largest nightclubs in Central Michigan and has been a nightlife hot spot since the 1970s. With a fun and energetic atmosphere it's a popular pick when it's time to loosen up and dance.

BEST PLACE TO BUY VINYL

B's Music Shop
(989) 773-0777
613 N. Mission St.
shop.bsmusicshop.com

B's Music Shop is Mount Pleasant's own, independent music instrument retailer and record shop. If you're looking for new and used vinyl, effects pedals, books, instruments and more, B's is the place to be. It offers a knowledgeable staff, and among the largest lesson programs in the area.

BEST JEWELRY STORE Ace of Diamonds

(989) 779-9919
406 S. Mission St.
aceofdiamondsjewelry.
net

For years, when it comes to fine jewelry, the city's finest has been Ace of Diamonds. Kriss and Mike Roethlisberger launched the store in 2001, and it's been a reader's choice for years since. This full-service jewelry store specializes in diamonds and engagement rings, offered under the motto that "Jewelry Buying Should Be Fun."

BEST UNIQUE BUSINESS

Karma Cat Cafe
(989) 773- 2399
612 E. Broadway St.
karmakatcafe.com

No doubt about it, in this town Karma Kat Cafe is the cat's meow. The state-licensed animal shelter provides treatment and care for un-homed cats, and adoption services to pair pet lovers with a new fur baby. Visit them today to find your newest family addition or just to relax and spend time with the cuddle-worthy kitties.

BEST THRIFT/ VINTAGE/ CONSIGNMENT SHOP Goodwill Industries

(989) 773- 4884
4529 E. Blue Grass Road
goodwill.org

Whether you are an avid thrift shopper or in need of a great book, Goodwill Industries has almost anything you're looking for. With donated items received daily, you can discover unique finds at a great price. This international nonprofit organization helps provide more than 300,000 people job training and community services.

BEST PLACE FOR A COCKTAIL, APPETIZER Midori Sushi and Martini Lounge

(989) 775-7723
105 E. Broadway St.
Midorimp.com

Providing unique cocktails and scrumptious seafood, repeat winner Midori offers one of the most diverse dining experiences in the Mount Pleasant area. Using the freshest ingredients possible, they prepare items like oysters, duck breast, salmon salads and specialty sushi rolls that stimulate the palate while surprising customers.

BEST HAPPY HOUR

Applebee's Grill and Bar

(989) 779-2766
4929 E. Pickard St.
applebees.com

Applebee's Grill and Bar in Mount Pleasant hosts happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to close daily. The specials include deals on appetizers and drinks at the bar.

BEST PARTY STORE

K&S Liquor Store

(989) 772-9000
4855 E. Blue Grass Road

When it's time to stock up on party provisions, our readers' top choice is K&S Liquor Store. The shop offers a wide variety of wine, vodka and more, making it a go-to spot for 21-and-up party needs



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www.stonecrestmtpleasant.com

BEST UNIQUE FOOD**Taichi Bubble Tea**

(989) 317-4002
1035 S. Mission St.
Taichibubbletea.com

Taichi Bubble Tea is all about healthy, fresh fusion, according to its website. The restaurant specializes in bubble tea, poke bowls, ramen and sushi. The first location opened in 2015 and has grown to over 19 stores across the country. From its made-to-order sushi burritos to beverages that pop in your mouth, it was our voters' pick for the most unique meal in town.

BEST LOCAL BREWERY AND WINERY**Mountain Town Brewing Company**

(989) 400-4666
3068 Jen's Way,
mountaintownbrew.com

Mountain Town Brewing Company has been making its own recipes and brews since 1996. Gambler's Golden Ale, Railyard Raspberry, Cow Catcher's Ale, Train Wreck, Iron Horse and many more are available on tap or in growler at the Summit Smokehouse. Flights and cans are also available.

BEST CANNABIS BUSINESS**Lume**

(989) 607-1935
907 E. Broomfield St,
lume.com

Lume's commitment to quality shows in its meticulously grown cannabis. The company offers the best experience and products possible, including: the Lume Cultivated line, the best quality and variety in flower; Lume Curated, featuring exceptional genetics cultivated from renowned lineages; and Lume Gold Label, its superior solventless extracts.

BEST PLACE TO KARAOKE**The Cabin**

(989) 779-9167
930 W. Broomfield St.
Cabinmp.com

The Cabin is a CMU student tradition known for its mouth-watering pizza, breadsticks and variety of beverages. Come for live music, trivia and, of course, the best karaoke in town. The Cabin also offers specials most weekdays.



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3rd Place, Best Bar**



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2nd Place, Best Bar
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Rubbles
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**2nd Place, Best Place to Hear Live Music
2nd Place, Best Place to Karaoke**

**3rd place, Best to Hear Live Music
3rd place, Best Place to Karaoke
2nd place, Best Local Brewery**





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